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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - IRAQ

¶1. On April 17, center-left "Diario Siete" (circ. 23,000, 4/17) carried an editorial entitled, "Military Criticism of Bush." Quote:

¶2. "As President Bush's approval ratings continue to drop...seven retired generals have harshly criticized his management of the war on Iraq.... The generals have raised their voices to express what many in the U.S. military feel.... The bottom line is that the U.S. has no chance of winning the war in Iraq...because, despite its economic and military might, it has been unable to remake that part of the world according to Washington's design."

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